

DRIVER'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATION

Georgia driver's license are classified according to the type and weight of vehicles which may be operated by the person to whom they are issued.

Class A

Truck tractor-semitrailer combination in which the combination weight exceeds 26,001 pounds and trailing unit exceeds 10,000 pounds and vehicles in Class B and C. Applicants must possess a Class C license before obtaining a Class A and be at least 18 years of age.

A single driver's license, with a combination of classifications, will be issued to qualified persons who wish to drive various types of vehicles.

Applicants for a driver's license in Classes A or B (non-commercial) must submit a DS form #36 (Affidavit showing minimum driving experience of 3 months and/or 3,000 miles in type of vehicle for class of license being applied for.)

Class B

Single vehicles weighing 26,001 or more pounds; may tow a trailing unit of less than 10,000 pounds; and motor vehicles included within Class C. Applicants must possess a Class C license prior to obtaining a Class B license and be at least 18 years of age.

Class C

Motor vehicles less than 26,001 pounds and all vehicles not included within Classes A, B and M. This includes passenger cars, trucks and vehicles pulling a trailing unit that weighs less than 10,000 pounds. All recreational vehicles may be operated with a Class C license. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age.

Class D

Provisional license for Class C vehicles. May not operate between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. During six-month period immediately following issuance of such license any Class D license holder shall not drive when any passenger in the vehicle is not a member of driver's immediate family. During the second six month period any Class D license holder shall not drive when more than three passengers in the vehicle are less than 21 years of age. (Members of the driver's immediate family do not count).

Note:

It is mandatory for an applicant under the age of 18 to obtain a Class CP learner's permit before taking the Class D driver's license examination. The instructional permit must be held for one year and a day prior to receiving a Class D provisional license. Class A & B applicants must possess or have satisfied the requirements for a Class C license before applying for a Class A & B license. A certified copy of the motor vehicle report from the former jurisdiction will be required in order to give credit for a license or permit held in another state. (refer to page 11.)

Class M

Motorcycles and motor-driven cycles are included in this class. An applicant must be at least 16 years of age in order to get a Class M license, but is not required to possess a Class C license before applying for this license.

Mopeds

Mopeds are motor-driven cycles equipped with two or three wheels, foot pedals to permit muscular propulsion and an independent power source providing a maximum of two brake horsepower.

Mopeds are exempt from the provisions relating to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles.

Rules to operate mopeds on Georgia roads and highways:

1. Must be 15 years of age and have in their possession a valid driver's license, instructional permit or limited permit.
2. Must wear protective headgear (motorcycle helmet).
3. No tag is required.
4. Every person operating a moped upon a roadway must obey the same traffic laws governing drivers of motor vehicles.
5. May not use limited access highways or other roadways where the minimum speed limit is above 35 mph.

INSTRUCTIONAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS (LEARNER'S PERMIT)

Class C: Instructional Permit

Applicant must be at least 15 years old and be able to pass the eye and knowledge test. When driving, there must be a licensed driver at least 21 years old in the front seat with him or her at all times. The permit is valid for 24 months. Parental consent is required for applicants under 18 years of age.

Class M: Instructional Permit

The applicant must be at least 16 years of age and have parental consent if under 18. Applicant must pass an eye and knowledge test. The permit is valid for 6 months and will allow the applicant to operate motorcycles and motor-driven cycles with the following restrictions: no passengers, no expressways, daylight hours only, and/or certain other applicable restrictions.

Class A and B Instructional Permits

The applicant must be 18 years old, already possess a Class C license, and must pass visual acuity and knowledge tests.

VETERANS & NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Veteran's License

Veterans must successfully pass an eye test every 4 years to maintain a valid license. Upon successfully passing the eye test, a Class C license will be issued. To obtain any other Class of license, the veteran must submit to the total examinations for the Class of license desired and submit (DS36) for Class A and B Non-Commercial.

1. A veteran must present evidence of honorable, active duty service in the Armed Forces of the United States. Evidence must also be presented that the veteran was a resident of the State of Georgia at the time of enlistment or induction (and that their home was in Georgia at that time) or that the veteran had been enlisted or commissioned elsewhere and has been a resident of Georgia for at least 5 consecutive years preceding the date of application. Other required information includes enlistment or commission and separation dates, serial number, date of birth, etc.

All of this information is contained on your copy of the Armed Forces separation papers (Form DD214). Activation for training purposes does not qualify you for the Georgia Veteran's License. The DD214 must be presented to any office of the State Department of Veteran Services for a review by that Agency. The qualified veteran will be issued a certificate of eligibility (DS516), signed by the veteran and the certifying official. This certificate and DD214 is then presented, by the veteran, to any examining office of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety for any required test and issuance of the license.

2. The spouse of a disabled, honorably separated veteran who does not have a driver's license or the unmarried spouse of a deceased, honorably separated veteran, is entitled to the same benefits as those received by the veteran. Application for this type license is established in the same fashion as outlined in the previous paragraph. For the unmarried spouse, the death certificate along with DD214 must be submitted to the State Department of Veteran Services to obtain a certificate of eligibility.

National Guard

1. All members or former members of the Georgia National Guard or reserve forces, who have 20 or more years of creditable service, are entitled to a veteran's license. A document of certification must be obtained from the Adjutant General of the State of Georgia, stating the applicant's eligibility, and presented to any examining office of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety.
2. A distinctive license may be issued to any member of the Georgia National Guard in good standing who has completed at least one year of satisfactory service. A certificate of eligibility (DS-318) form must be obtained from the local National Guard Commanding Officer; and presented to any examining office of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety. This license is renewable during the time of service in the National Guard or until 20 years of service has been obtained which entitles you to a Veteran's License.

Veterans must have served on active duty during one of the periods of conflicts below:

WARTIME/CONFLICT PERIODS:

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR: April 21 1898, through July 4, 1902. The ending date for a veteran who served with the U.S. Military forces engaged in hostilities in the Moro Province is July 15, 1903.

MEXICAN BORDER: May 9, 1916 through April 5, 1917.

WORLD WAR I: April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918. The period for a veteran who served with the U.S. Military forces in Russia would include April 6, 1917, through April 1, 1920.

WORLD WAR II: December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946.

KOREA: June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955.

LEBANON CONFLICT: July 1, 1958 through November 1, 1958.

VIETNAM CONFLICT: July 1, 1958 through August 4, 1964.

BERLIN CONFLICT: August 14, 1961 through June 1, 1963.

VIETNAM: August 5, 1964 through May 7, 1975.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CONFLICT: April 28, 1965 through September 21, 1966.

GRENADA CONFLICT: October 23, 1983 through November 21, 1983.

PANAMA LIBERATION: December 30, 1989 through February 15, 1990.

SAUDI ARABIA/IRAQ/KUWAIT/PERSIAN GULF: August 2, 1990 - ending date unknown at this time.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- * 1. Applicant must furnish proof that he or she resides in Georgia and must provide a valid Georgia residence address. The following items are acceptable:
 - Utility bill with valid Georgia residence address;
 - Bank statement with valid Georgia residence address;
 - Rental contracts and/or receipts with valid Georgia residence address;
 - Employer verification;
 - Georgia license issued to parent, guardian, or spouse.
- 2. Applicant must be 16 years old for Classes D and M; 18 years old for Classes A , B, and C; 15 years old for Class C instructional permit.

MINORS: *If you are under 18 years old, parental or guardian consent is necessary before issuance of the original license. Identification (and/or proof of guardianship) will be required of parents .*

- 3. Applicant must surrender all previous driver's licenses, identification cards, and instructional permits to the Examiner.
- 4. First time applicants for a Georgia license or permit must show some acceptable form of personal identification that includes full name, month, day and year of birth. After verification of full name and date of birth, documents will be returned immediately to the licensee. The following items are acceptable: **YOU MUST PROVIDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

*** ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE AN ORIGINAL OR A CERTIFIED COPY**

- * **Original birth certificate (State issued)**
- * **Certified copy of birth certificate (with seal)**
- * **Certificate of birth registration**
- * **Certified copy of court records (adoption, name changes or sex changes.)**
- * **Certified naturalization records**
- * **Immigration I.D. card**
- * **Valid Passport**

(U.S. citizens must furnish proof of citizenship. Non-U.S. citizens must present proper INS documentation.)

- 5. Documents presented must be either in English or translated into English by a translator approved by the Dept. of Motor Vehicle Safety. You may contact a Driver's License office in your area for a list of approved translators.
- 6. Applicant must successfully complete a driver examination, which is a test to determine their ability to operate a motor vehicle safely. The examination includes an eye test; a road signs test; a road rules test for desired class; and an actual driving test. A DS36 is required in Classes A and B.
- 7. All applicants for identification cards and license must be fingerprinted.
- 8. The Department may require a medical evaluation if an applicant has a mental or physical condition that could prevent the safe operation of a motor vehicle.

9. All applicants under 18 will be required to show (on a form prescribed by the DMVS) they have completed a course on alcohol and drugs before they are issued a driver's license. This course will be taught by an instructor authorized by the DMVS. For dates and times call 1-800-245-4410.
10. All applicants under the age of 18 must provide proof that either he/she is currently enrolled in school, has parent's permission to withdraw from school, or has received a GED, a high school diploma, or completed high school. Forms for school attendance or withdrawal are available from the local Driver License Office.
11. Applicants who have never been licensed by any other jurisdiction cannot receive an initial issuance of a class C or D license unless such person:
 - a. Has completed an approved driver education course in a licensed private or public driver training school and in addition, received a cumulative total of at least 20 hours of other supervised driving experience including at least six hours at night;
 - OR
 - b. Has completed a cumulative total of at least 40 hours of supervised driving experience including at least six hours at night.

The parent or guardian of an applicant under the age of 18 or the applicant if over the age of 18 must sign a verification form attesting to the above requirement.

LICENSE FEES (CASH ONLY, NO CHECKS)

Class	Valid	Fee
C, M	4 Years	\$15.00
A, B	4 Years	\$15.00
Honorary (Veterans)	4 Years	No Fee
National Guard	4 Years	No Fee
Inmate Certificate	4 Years	No Fee
Limited Permit	1 Year (non-renewable)	\$25.00
C - Instructional Permit	2 Years	\$10.00
A & B Instructional Permit	1 Year	\$10.00
M Instructional Permit	6 Months	\$10.00
A, B, C, or M (*Organ Donor)	4 Years	\$ 8.00
D (Provisional)	4 Years	\$10.00
Duplicate License	Time Remaining	\$ 5.00

**Donor must execute a Uniform Donor Card at the time of issuance to receive the fee reduction.*

WHERE TO GET A LICENSE AND RENEWALS

You can go to an examination station for your first Georgia driver's license and for any renewals or endorsements you wish to obtain. Driver's licenses are issued at Customer Service Centers with periodic visits to most county seats. You may renew your license as early as 150 days before your license expires. All driver's licenses, including veterans, active duty military personnel and dependent's, expire on the birthday of the license holder in the year indicated on the license as the date of expiration. Please refer to the front cover of this booklet for a list of Customer Service Centers. Renewal only offices are located throughout the state. Please refer to the back cover of this book for a list of renewal only offices. Renewals are also done by mail and internet. If you are eligible for these services you will receive a notice in the mail approximately 60 days before your license expiration with instructions.

Military personnel on active duty and full-time students outside of Georgia may request a renewal of their driver's license, if verified in the specified manner described by the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety and accompanied by the correct fee. The same privilege is also extended to a military person's spouse and any licensed dependents living with the person while on duty in a foreign domain or in a state other than Georgia. The renewal will be granted for no longer than a four year period at the end of which the license holders must appear for renewals.

EXPIRED LICENSE

If your Georgia driver's license has expired for two or more years you must pass a road sign test; a road rules test; an actual driving test; and an eye test to obtain a Class C license. Additional testing will be required to obtain a Class M, B, or A license. If you surrender an expired out-of-state license you will be required to pass a road sign test, a road rules test, an actual driving test, and an eye test.

REGARDING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE

Carrying and Displaying Your License

Your driver's license must be in your possession when you drive, to be displayed to any police officer upon request.

Name and Address Change

If you change your address, you must report to the nearest exam station and apply for a new license, showing correct address, within 60 days. If you change your name by marriage or otherwise, you must also obtain a new license, showing correct name, within 60 days. A replacement license, valid for the current renewal period, will be issued once in any four-year period, free of charge. In order to change your name, you must present a certified copy of the marriage license or a certified copy of a court ordered name change. If you wish to hyphenate your name you must present a certified copy of the marriage license and a certified copy of the marriage license application stating the hyphenated name. Male applicants who wish to take the wife's name after marriage must satisfy this requirement.

Lost or Stolen License

If your license is lost or stolen, you must appear in person at a service center, with proof of identity, to receive another license. The appropriate fee will be required. If another license cannot be issued at that time, a temporary 30-day permit will be issued. If you request a license number change from the one that was lost or stolen, you must present a police report indicating the license/ID was reported missing or stolen.

Identification Card

A State of Georgia identification card may be obtained at any Customer Service Center. The cost of this card is \$10.00. See page 11 for proper identification that is required. You must be a Georgia resident.

ORGAN DONOR PROGRAM

If a person desires to become an Organ Donor, an Organ Donor Card will be furnished. Simply fill out and sign the Uniform Donor Card, which is a legal document when executed in the presence of two witnesses who also must sign. Please discuss your wishes with your family.

- Organ donation can occur only after every measure has been taken to save your life, and only after death has been legally and medically declared.
- Georgia law prohibits the physician who declares a patient dead from participating in the removal or transplantation of that patient's donated organs or tissues.
- There is no cost to the donor's family for any expenses related to organ tissue/eye donation. Also, there is no delay in funeral arrangements.
- Donation is consistent with the beliefs of all major religions.
- Georgia law requires hospitals to notify an organ/tissue/eye recovery center when a donation is possible.
- Recipients are selected by urgency of need, compatibility of blood type, body size, and tissue type, regardless of sex, race or creed.

Chapter 2 Driver's License (Parts 1, 2, & 3 are included in all classes)

Part 1 – The Vision Test

Your eyes will be tested by means of a mechanical device. The minimum acceptable vision is 20/60 in one eye, with or without corrective lenses, and a field of vision of at least 140 degrees.

Part 2 – The Road Sign Test

A set of questions on the meaning of standard highway signs will be given. You will be asked to identify certain signs, signals and markers. 15 out of 20 correct answers are necessary to pass.

Part 3 – The Road Rules Test

The road rules test consists of a set of questions about driver responsibility, knowledge of laws and safe driving practices, applicable to the class of license applied for. To pass the test, the applicants must answer at least 15 out of 20 questions correctly.

The road rules tests are available in some non-English languages, but all drivers must show ability to read and understand simple English such as is used in highway traffic and directional signs. Road signs and actual driving test must be taken in English.

Part 4 – The Driving Test (Class C or D)

All road test vehicles must be covered by liability insurance, pass a safety inspection, and if the vehicle is not equipped with turn signals, you must know your hand signals.

On the driving test you will be expected to do all or part of the following:

1. **Parallel Parking:** Park midway between two standards so that your car is not more than 18 inches from the curb.
2. **Quick Stops:** Drive at a speed of 20 miles per hour and make a quick, safe stop when the examiner instructs you.
3. **Backing:** Back your car for a distance of about 50 feet, at a slow rate of speed, as straight and as smoothly as possible. Turn your head and look back at all times while backing.